

Dear Summer Camper Parent/Guardian:

Summer is just around the corner which means it's time to start thinking about summer camp! There is some important information that you should be aware of as you start planning for this summer.

The Essex Park and Recreation Summer Camp will be once again held at the Essex Elementary School. We have many returning staff members who can't wait to get started. This summer we are excited that the playground project has been completed which means more outdoor fun for our campers. Also, we have been granted use of the cafeteria in addition to the gym and music room which means more room for everyone to spread out.

Regular camp hours are still 9AM to 3PM, but we will be offering both Before-care from 8-9AM and After-care from 3-4PM for an additional charge. There is limited space available for the Before and After-Care sessions so please sign up in advance to secure a spot.

In addition to expanding the hours available for camp, we are also expanding the age eligibility for campers. Campers who have finished 6<sup>th</sup> grade and are going to 7<sup>th</sup> in the Fall are now able to attend camp. These would be 11 and 12 year olds.

Another change that you should be aware of is we will no longer be providing snacks during the day. It will be your responsibility to pack lunch and snack for your camper and plenty to drink and stay hydrated.

We have planned a field trip for each week of camp where there will be a school bus providing transportation. Some field trip days involve walking such as when we go to Scoops for an ice cream treat and when we take a guided hike of the Falls River Preserve. Costs for the field trips have been included in the camp tuition, which means you will not have to send any additional money with you camper unless you want them to have some spending money. Some field trips will involve getting wet, and we will be going to Viney Hill Brook Park for swimming. If your camper is not a swimmer be sure to let us know on the registration form.

To help cut down on the amount of paper we use, many of the forms, calendars, and notifications will be available online at [www.essexct.gov](http://www.essexct.gov). There is a link to the Park and Recreation page on the top right side of the browser.

We will be holding registration nights April 1<sup>st</sup> 430-630pm and April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 630-8pm for Essex residents. Non- residents can begin to register May 1<sup>st</sup> by mailing in or dropping off the registration forms. Please contact the Park and Recreation office if you have any questions about the program at 767-4340 ext.110 or ext. 148 or email [recreation@essexct.gov](mailto:recreation@essexct.gov) . We look forward to having lots of fun this summer!

Brian Wilson  
Park and Recreation Director

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Summer Camp Director

**Essex Park and Recreation Summer Camp Schedule**  
**Keep For Your Records**

**Week 1: Camper's Got Talent!**- Our campers' have talent and we plan on proving it! There will be a camp-wide talent show, a chance to dress up as your favorite character, and a trip to the Ivoryton Playhouse to see a show. Campers will create a Banner of Fame to be displayed the entire camp season.

**Week 2: Wide World of Sports-** From T-Ball to basketball to Disc Golf, this week will be all about sports. Show your team pride on Fantastic Fan Day. There will also be a field trip to a CT Sun basketball game!

**Week 3: Keep Our Town Beautiful-** Campers will create and design a park beautification project that will be presented to town officials. They will also enjoy a picnic and nature walk at the Falls River Preserve guided by First Selectman Phil Miller.

**Week 4: Summer Survival-** Campers will participate in Survivor team challenges throughout the week. Local Fire and Police Departments will also visit. We'll enjoy swimming at Viney Hill Brook Park where YMCA Lifeguards will teach the "Fun"damentals of water safety.

**Week 5: Super Science-** Innovation and observation are the themes this week. Campers will host a science fair. The Mad Science Staff will conduct hands-on workshops and we'll explore Long Island Sound with Cedar Island Researchers at Hammonasset State Park.

**Week 6: Wild and Wacky-** Everyday will be a chance to be wild and wacky. Think pajamas, crazy hair, and backwards day. You get the picture! Campers will board the Essex Steam Train and ferry to Gillette Castle State Park and experience an Amazing Race scavenger hunt!

**Week 7: Camp Cool Down-** Campers will enjoy the long days of summer cooling off at the Westbrook Cinema and a visit to Scoops for an ice cream treat. Be ready to get wet at the Water Games Rally!

**Week 8: Camp Rock-** Our camp will be Rockin'! Campers will make their own instruments and perform rag time symphony. We'll enjoy movies and popcorn and the summer with a special performance by local youth rock band *Say What?*.

**YOUR CAMPER IS ENROLLED FOR:**

__ Week 1: June 29- July 3	BeforeCare __	AfterCare __	__ Week 5: July 27-July 31	BeforeCare __	AfterCare __
__ Week 2: July 6- July 10	BeforeCare __	AfterCare __	__ Week 6: Aug 3- Aug 7	BeforeCare __	AfterCare __
__ Week 3: July 13-July 17	BeforeCare __	AfterCare __	__ Week 7: Aug 10- Aug 14	BeforeCare __	AfterCare __
__ Week 4: July 20-July 24	BeforeCare __	AfterCare __	__ Week 8: Aug 17-Aug 21	BeforeCare __	AfterCare __

Total number of weeks \_\_\_\_\_ X \$110.00 fee: = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total number of Before and Aftercare \_\_\_\_\_ X \$15.00 fee: = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Amount Due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Payment Received: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Cash or Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

# Essex Park and Recreation Summer Camp Registration 2009

## Ages of Eligibility: 6-12

(Only campers entering 1-7<sup>th</sup> grade fall '09)

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: M\_\_ F\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Grade (Fall 09) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY) \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name & Number \_\_\_\_\_

Swimming Ability: Swimmer \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Swimmer \_\_\_\_\_

**Camp Hours will be 9a-3p.** Cost for each weekly session is \$110.00 (Fee includes T-shirt, All Field Trips & Activities)

Before-Care is available from 8a-9a additional \$15.00 fee per week.

After-Care is available from 3p-4p for an additional \$15.00 fee per week (Space is limited to 20 attendees for Before and Aftercare)

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Cash or Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby grant permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the Essex Park and Recreation Summer Program. I agree to hold the Essex Park and Recreation Commission, and any person connected therewith, including the Town of Essex, harmless from any and all claims of bodily injury and property damage arising from the use of the facilities during the course of this Essex Park and Recreation sponsored activity.

I also give permission for my child to be photographed and for pictures to be used in newspapers, marketing, and advertising materials in support of Essex Park and Recreation programs.

### Emergency Medical Care

List any medical / behavioral conditions we should be aware of: \_\_\_\_\_

Any special accommodations needed: \_\_\_\_\_

It is the policy of Essex Park and Recreation, in case of accident or medical emergency, to make every effort to contact parents/guardians. However, in the event that we are unable to do so, and your child requires immediate medical care, we ask that sign the following release statement:

I HEREBY GIVE PERMISSION TO THE AUTHORIZED MEDICAL PERSONNEL TO HAVE MY CHILD TREATED AT THE NEAREST EMERGENCY FACILITY IF I AM NOT AVAILABLE. I WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL INCURRED MEDICAL CHARGES.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Carrier: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy Holder: \_\_\_\_\_

ID or Policy #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Payable to: Town Of Essex Park and Recreation    Mail to: Park and Recreation 29 West Ave. Essex, CT 06426**